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## Statement from Sens. Goschka and Kuipers on governor's Merit award proposal

**LANSING** – Sens. Mike Goschka and Wayne Kuipers today released the following statement after hearing details about the governor's proposal on altering the Michigan Merit Award from her deputy chief of staff:

"Right now, we're rewarding kids who put in an effort in high school. But the governor's proposal would remove the concept of merit from the program completely. Students would no longer have to perform at a certain level to be eligible. We fear this program would become a massive new student-loan program with bureaucratic hurdles at each step."

Mike Goschka, R-Brant, chairs the Senate Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, chairs the Senate Education Committee. They held a joint committee hearing to listen to testimony from the governor's office.

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